Chestnut Grove community news notes

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Louise Mills for Christmas lunch and exchanging of gifts.

Mrs. T.N. Saul, Mrs. Ellen Beasley, and Mrs. W.T. Cook accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass to Blackstone Sunday to visit Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris were Mrs. Louie Foster of Farmville; Donald Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller, all of Parksley; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flood of Andersonville.

Mrs. Alice Senger spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Senger at Crewe and was Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Lois McCulley at Amelia.

Mrs. W.T. Cook visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFalls and Mrs. Paul Hickman, all of Farmville and Mrs. K.M. Beasley, Jr. of Dillwyn Saturday.

Mrs. T.N. Saul spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Saul at Piney Point, Maryland.

C. Henson Morris is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was admitted Dec. 3 for tests. We hope he won't have to stay very long.

Gladys Morris is improving after having surgery in a hospital at Bethesda, Maryland.

Roy and Billy Pope of Amelia were visitors one day last week of Mrs. Alice Senger.

A Sunday visitor of Mrs. Ruby Morris was Mrs. Nell Powers of Dillwyn.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard of Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flood, Mrs. Vergie Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mann, all of Dillwyn; Arthur Morris and son Adam of Appomattox and Alfred Woodie of Farmville.

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Deadlines altered

The Times-Virginian newspaper will be printed early next week so that readers will receive their newspaper before the Christmas holiday.

The deadline for news and advertising copy for next week's paper is this Thursday (Dec. 20) at 2 p.m.

The paper will be printed Friday moring.

The newspaper office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25. The deadline schedule will return to normal the following week, and the paper will be published Wednesday.

Banking hours set

Financial institutions in Appomattox County will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and again on New Years Eve.

Normal banking hours will resume the day after Christmas and the day after New Years.

Students honored

Two Appomattox County High School students, Sally Coleman and Carolyn Carnefix, are participating in Advance Placement classes by way of an electronic classroom, according to a report at last Thursday's meeting of the Appomattox County School Board.

Coleman is enrolled in AP English and AP Calculus and Carnefix in AP English. According to Principal Don Armentrout and Lloyd Walton, superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, both students are making excellent progress in both classes.

In talking with the board, Coleman said the classes are "interesting, challenging and different."

Participation in the program gives the students an opportunity to receive instruction in subject matter that would not be available through the regular program at the high school, according to Walton.

Plans are for this program to be expanded next year to include additional subjects for students and in-service for teachers.

Mrs. Serena Mosley and Mrs. Mary Moore, appeared before the board expressing concern as to treatment of their children on school buses. It was implied that students were not treated equally. The board will look into the problem or problems and seek answers.

RAIDER TIM AUSTIN STRETCHES IT OUT for two points in last week's Appomattox varsity basketball victory against the Gretna Hawks. The Raiders also defeated Brookville Friday night. See details, page 11. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

This Saturday

'Nutcracker' slated

Saturday's production of the Nutcracker Ballet at Appomattox County High School represents an ambitious outreach effort by the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center.

The Nutcracker Ballet is the first full-fledged production staged away from the Fine Arts Center, according to Mary Honeycut, a volunteer serving as booking agent for the Lynchburg Regional Ballet Theatre. The Lynchburg Regional Ballet Theatre is a part of the Fine Arts Center.

The Nutcracker was staged in Altavista last weekend, and will be staged in Amherst Thursday.

"The response was tremendous for the Altavista production, and it looks like the Amherst show is going to be a big success also," Honeycut notes. "We're a bit concerned about the rate of ticket sales in Appomattox, though. We're hoping sales pick up this week, before the ballet on Saturday."

Honeycut notes that if the response to all three of the productions is good, it is likely that the Fine Arts Center's management will approve more outreach productions in the future. If the response is not good, it's less likely that the Center will feel it can justify the traveling productions. "They're very expensive," Honeycut notes. "There are more than 100 costumes in the Nutcracker alone, as well as extensive lighting and property requirements," she adds.

The idea for the traveling production came from "a desire to do something for the people in the areas surrounding Lynchburg who have given the Fine Arts Center so much support," according to Honeycut.

"We've felt for quite a while that the Center needs to expand to these outlying areas," she adds.

Honeycut, who also serves the Fine Arts Center as coordinator for area school outreach programs, notes that "it's vital to offer exposure to the arts so that we can begin to build an audience in the younger generation. Funds for instruction in public schools have been cut, and interest in the arts has fallen off badly."

And according to Honeycut, a National Endowment for the Arts study shows that elementary-school -aged children are the best candidated for long-lasting positive artistric impressions.

"The Nutcracker Ballet should appeal to young, as well as old," Honeycut notes. "It's timely, right before Christmas, and with a cast of 41 there's plenty of excitement to keep your attention."

The production, which is sponsored locally by the Appomattox Woman's Club, is scheduled to begin this Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School auditorium.

Tickets to the ballet are $4.50 in advance, and $5 at the door. They may be purchased at the Appomattox County Library, Barbara's Shoppe, Dr. John Fedison's office, and the Appomattox Family Practice Center. In addition, all members of the Appomattox Woman's Club have tickets to sell.

For additional information, contack Mrs. John Fedison at 352-2365, or Lucille Ferrell at 352-8882.

Claus plans visits

Santa Claus will be at American Federal Savings and Loan in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center this evening (Wednesday) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Claus is expected to arrive by fire truck.

In a related development, it was announced this week that Claus plans to visit Pamplin this Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.

He is expected to tour Main Street in a fire truck.

Accident claims life

Vincent Edward Walker of Pamplin died early last Tuesday morning when his jeep ran off Route 460 and struck a utility pole in the Town of Appomattox accoring to state police.

Walker, 22, was headed east on Route 460 when the accident occured near the intersection of Road 631, about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday. The vehicle apparently sideswiped a utility pole, went off the highway and overturned, according to state police.

A passenger in the jeep, Paul Anthony Jones of Prospect, was also injured in the mishap and transported to Lynchburg General Hospital's emergency room.

Walker died about 1:35 a.m., according to police. Jones, who was in serious condition just after the wreck, was treated at the hospital and later released.

Project a success

By FRANCES ABBITT

On November 30 students at the Appomattox Middle School released 402 balloons in recognition of Reading Month. The project, a cooperative effort by the entire student body and coordinated by Mrs. Jean Tweedy, was intended to call attention to the importance of reading and the emphasis being placed on reading during the month of November, but the project did more than that.

All 402 balloons were released at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, Nov. 30 and at 6:30 on Saturday morning, Dec. 1, a bunch of the balloons that had been tied together were found at Middletown, Connecticut by Ale Blanchard. The balloons did more than remind this Conneticut resident of Reading Month, they brought joy at a time when he was suffering a great loss. The balloons meant so much to this artist, he wrote to the students whose names he found inside......

Dear Valerie, Leon, Jeanie, Wade, Brett and Erica,

I found your balloons on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 a.m. while going for a walk and they were in the middle of a corn field. It was such a bundle of color I thought perhaps it was from a birthday party. I hung them on my country lamp post and the sun was just touching the horizon. Your balloons brought me a bright bouquet of joyous colors.

I felt good about the world, then saw dark moths fluttering inside four intact balloons; six had broken with ragged remains. I peeled the shrunken skin and found two small notes, Brett and Erica. I did not retrieve the last four notes because I wanted to celebrate life. Your balloons were so beautiful and my mother would have loved them and your young lives. She died the night

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Supervisors question Pittman

By FRANCES ABBITT

T.E. Pittman, resident engineer, Virginia Department of Highways, was presented a petition containing more than 700 names of citizens concerned with traffic problems on U.S. 460 west of Appomattox, at Friday's meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

The petition also presented at last week's meeting of Appomattox Town Council, asks "Town, County and State officials to take the necessary safety measures to promote the health and safety of the citizens of Appomattox."

The traffic flow is so heavy from 5:30 a.m. until 7 a.m. and again from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the intersections of Route 460 and State Route Numbers 131, 24 and exits onto 460 from Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, that extremely dangerous conditions exist.

The petition asks that a state, county or town patrolmen direct traffic flow during those hours, or that the highway department install lights to operate between those hours Monday through Friday to take care of the problem.

Dr. S.R. Lawson, chairman of the board expressed concern about the traffic problem and the potential danger of the situation.

"It may be somebody's life we're talking about. I never really thought there'd be a traffic problem in Appomattox in my lifetime," Lawson commented.

Del. Claude Anderson appeared before the board and talked about the problem of traffic congestion at the designated area. The board asked Anderson to do anything he could to pressure highway officials to get to work on solving the problem.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Sunday, about dusk, there was a knock at our front door on Martha Street. There was a group of some 35 to 40 young people from St. Anne's Episcopal Church and when I opened the door, they burst into Christmas song. "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Silent Night" and other favorites. A few adults were along and the group was on a project of caroling. Hope they visited lots of homes. Thanks a million. Am sure other church groups were out caroling and will be doing so all during the holidays.

Christmas weather? Well, we have had a mild December and lots of fog. One friend expressed satisfaction at the mild season, but added that one inch of snow Christmas Eve night would make it just right. Please, no sleet!

Bill and Hilda (Mitchell) Bucksey, of House Springs, Mo., added a note on their Christmas card asking that I pass along their greetings to all their Appomattox friends. Liked the holiday stamp they used on the envelope.

Officially, Monday, Dec. 17, was Wright Brothers Day, in honor of the first manned airplane flight, Dec. 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Flights are routine now for so many, but I have not been up for years.

Interior decorations. Managed to get a wind-up Santa and 34 decorations and animals on a card table in a corner of the living room.

The year 1984 has been a good one for The Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. I understand the attendance for the year is well above the 1983 total.

Sports department. Sorry about the VPI loss in the Independance Bowl football game, Shreveport. Lost to Air Force Academy, televised and many local fans watched. No, basketball has taken over. ACHS downed rival Brookville and at this writing is 3-2 in the win column. Saw a long list of results of college basketball games on the sports pages and counted the number of games reported; 232. That's 464 teams! New York Tech defeated Slippery Rock, 80 to 73. Heavens to Betsy, Alice Lloyd defeated Mayville and Rockhurst downed Evangel.

Got an extra Christmas greeting card? Send it to a shut-in or hospital patient.

Merry Christmas to our public servants. Town, County and state employees, and especially the post office group. And do drive carefully, for the Virginia highway death total this year is already around 1,000.

Appreciation means so much. I came across some papers of my late mother. There was a little keepsake book given her by her school teacher in 1895! She saved it and so will I.

Correction: In the Nov. 28 issue I mentioned that Mrs. Howard Shorter, Cullen, attended Slippery Rock College. I got names switched. Mrs. Shorter sent me a clipping about Slippery Rock and noted that Mrs. Ruth B. Wilson was a 1934 grad. The clipping was a letter to the editor of the Richmond Time-Dispatch, written about the college.

Thanks for reading. Merry Christmas and seeya around Growing Appomattox.

Lions Club will meet tomorrow

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet Thursday (Dec. 20) at 6:45 p.m. at the Country Fare Restaurant.

During this meeting, the Lions will have their official visit from District Governor John Kelsey of Richmond.

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Firemen honored

THE ANNUAL APPOMATTOX VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S DINNER was held Monday evening, Dec. 3, at Jeanne's Restaurant. Pictured are left to right, James Ford, Chief of Police for Town of Appomattox, Paul Drinkard, both serving as co-chairmen of the fund-raising committee for the firemen, Hugh (Slick) Mitchell, Carl (Skinny) Wooldridge and Robert (Pudding) Childress, members of the Appomattox County Volunteer Firemen's Department and H.W. (Billy) Conner, representing the Appomattox Town Council as Chairman of the Firemen's Committee. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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